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SUBJECT: JUNE 27 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. ALL PAPERS FEATURE 240-172 HOUSE PASSAGE OF WHAT SPONSORING REP. LONG (DEM. MD.) CALLS " VETO- PROOF" CAMBODIA BOMBING FUND CUTOFF PROVISION ATTACHED TO CONTINUING RESOLUTION TO FINANCE USG OPS FROM JULY 1 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30 OR UNTIL REGULAR APPROPRIATION BILLS ENACTED. LANGUAGE PROHIBITS USE OF ANY FUNDS AUTHORIZED UNDER CONTINUING RESOLUTION OR FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR US MILITARY OPS IN OR OVER CAMBODIA OR LAOS. LONG CALLS ANTIBOMBING PROVISION " VIRTUALLY VETO- PROOF" BECAUSE PRESIDENTIAL VETO WOULD LEAVE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WITHOUT FUNDS AS OF MIDNIGHT SATURDAY UNTIL ISSUE COULD BE RESOLVED.

2. EARLIER IN DAY, SENATE VOTED 81-11 TO APPROVE \$3.4 BILLION SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION BILL CONTAINING FUND CUTOFF APPROVED BY HOUSE IN 204-204 VOTE. BILL NOW SENT TO PRESIDENT, AND SEN. TOWER SAYS HE THINKS PRESIDENT WILL NOT VETO IT. REP. MAHON, IN DEBATE OVER LONG LANGUAGE, MAKES PLEA FOR " FLEXIBILITY" BY HOUSE TO ENABLE PRESIDENT TO NEGOTIATE KHMER SETTLEMENT, SAYING CUTOFF WOULD BE " SLAP IN THE FACE" FOR THE PRESIDENT " IN THE PRESENCE OF THE

ENTIRE WORLD." MINORITY LEADER FORD SAYS MEASURE WOULD " UNDERCUT NEGOTIATIONS THAT ARE GOING ON RIGHT NOW" TO BRING ABOUT C- F (NYT, WP, SUN, PHINQ, CHITRIB, WSJ, NYDN). NYT' S MADDEN NOTES VOTE WELL SHORT OF TWO- THIRDS VOTE NEEDED TO OVERRIDE PRESIDENTIAL VETO.

3. NYT PP REPORTS FEW KHMER KNOW US MAY SOON CEASE AIR OPS BECAUSE GKR MEDIA HAVE NEVER REPORTED CONGRESSIONAL VOTES, PRESUMABLY TO HELP MAINTAIN MORALE. BUT FANK SPOKESMAN AM RONG REITERATES GKR WILL FIGHT ON REGARDLESS, EVEN THOUGH AT GREAT DISADVANTAGE. HE SAID KHMER MILITARY AIRCRAFT COULD NOT REPLACE USAF PLANES, BUT HE POSED QUESTION TO UNCLASSIFIED

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NEWSMEN: " WOULD WASHINGTON AND SAIGON ALLOW PHNOM PENH TO FALL-- COULD THEY AFFORD TO STAND BY AND WATCH SHOULD THAT HAPPEN?"

4. NYT' S BROWNE REPORTS CONTINUED HEAVY FIGHTING NEAR PP, ESPECIALLY BATTLE FOR CONTROL OF RTE. 3 BRIDGE LINKING KOMPONG KANTUOT WITH PP. GERMAN FREELANCE TV CAMERAMAN DIETER LUDWIG WOUNDED BY ANTI- GKR MORTAR SHELL FRAGMENTS. USAF AIRCRAFT WORKING IN CONTINUOUS CLOSE SUPPORT OF FANK POSITIONS. MEANWHILE; ANOTHER CONVOY CARRYING RICE AND OTHER STAPLES ARRIVED PP OVER ROUTE 4 FROM KOMPONG SOM. AP REPORTS B-52 S BEING USED AGAINST KI SUPPLY TRAINS

MOVING BY OXCART AND PACK ELEPHANT THROUGH MOUNTAINS
25 MILES SOUTHWEST OF PP (SUN).

5. IN VN FIGHTING, NYT' S TREASTER IN SAIGON SAYS
GVN REPORTS INCREASE IN COMMUNIST ATTACKS THROUGHOUT
COUNTRY BUT MOST ACTIONS DESCRIBED AS SMALL. HEAVIEST
FIGHTING AGAIN REPORTED IN DELTA. ACCORDING TREASTER,
MOST OF 86 INCIDENTS GVN REPORTED YESTERDAY" CONSISTED
OF ONLY A FEW ARTILLERY SHELLS OR RIFLE SHOTS AND IN
MANY CASES NO ONE WAS HURT." MILITARY ANALYSTS HAVE
BEEN RELUCTANT TO DECLARE FIRMLY THAT C- F TAKING
HOLD AND SOME MILITARY OFFICERS ATTRIBUTE PRESENT LULL
TO RAINY SEASON. MANY ANALYSTS FEEL JUNE 15 C- F HAD
LITTLE IMPACT THUS FAR.

6. ARVN 23 RD DIVISION COMMANDER WARNS COMMUNISTS
TO STOP ATTACKS IN CENTRAL HIGHLANDS OR BE KICKED
OUT, ACCORDING CHITRIB. UPI REPORTS ARVN SOURCES
SAY COMMUNISTS STARTED OFFENSIVE JUNE 7 NEAR KONTUM
AND ARVN INTELLIGENCE INDICATES THEY BUILDING UP

FOR MAJOR OFFENSIVE (NYDN).

7. AP SAIGON REPORTS NHAN DAN ARTICLE SAID SEVERE
DROUGHT CAUSING CRITICAL CROP CONDITIONS IN SEVERAL
NVN PROVINCES.
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8. NYT' S SEYMOUR HERSH REPORTS RELIABLE US SOURCES
SAY LBJ ORDERED FBI CHECK OF VP AGNEW SHORTLY AFTER
1968 ELECTIONS TO INVESTIGATE PURPORTED LINK BETWEEN
MR. AGNEW AND WHAT WH THEN CONSIDERED TO BE SABOTAGE OF
PARIS VN NEGOTS. FULL REPORT OF INCIDENT HAS BEEN
PROVIDED SENATE WATERGATE COMMITTEE. SOURCES THEN
CLOSE TO LBJ CONFIRMED TO HERSH THAT HE ORDERED
NATIONAL SECURITY WIRETAP ON RVN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.
ON NOVEMBER 2, ANNA CHENNAULT WAS HEARD REASSURING
HIGH EMBASSY OFFICIAL THAT GVN' S INTERESTS LAY
IN NOT ACCEPTING ANY PEACE TERMS BEFORE ELECTIONS. ASKED
BY THE OFFICIAL WHETHER PRESIDENT- ELECT NIXON KNEW WHAT
SHE WAS DOING, MRS. CHENNAULT REPLIED, ACCORDING TO
HERSH' S SOURCES, " NO, BUT OUR FRIEND IN NEW MEXICO
DOES." AGNEW WAS CAMPAIGNING IN ALBUQUERQUE ON THAT
DAY, ACCORDING. HERSH. FBI CHECKS DETERMINED THERE HAD
BEEN NO LONG- DISTANCE CALLS TO MRS. CHENNAULT PLACED
THAT DAY BY NR. AGNEW, BUT LBJ REMAINED CONVINCED
THAT SOMEONE IN REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION HAD
BEEN WORKING BEHIND SCENES TO PERSUADE GVN TO DELAY
PARIS TALKS (NYT, SIMILAR STORY WP).

9. REUTER REPORTS USLO FLAG- RAISING CEREMONY.
AMBASSADOR BRUCE PRESIDED, FLANKED BY JENKINS AND

HOLDRIDGE. NO CHINESE OFFICIALS PRESENT BUT CEREMONY WATCHED BY 2 PLA GUARDS AT GATE. CORRESPONDENTS VIEW LAYOUT OF USLO, NOTING SPARTAN SETUP, COMPARED WITH THOSE OF OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS (CHITRIB, CSM, NYT). REUTER PEKING REPORTS PEOPLE'S DAILY SAYS CHINA USING RADIOACTIVE ISOTOPES TO HELP BREED NEW RICE STRAINS AND ENSURE SAFE INSECTICIDES USE (WP, NYDN, WP). POST'S MITCHELL REPORTS THAT PRCLO CHIEF AND MRS. HUANG GAVE THEIR FIRST DINNER PARTY AT YENCHING PALACE JUNE 26.

10. NYT'S HALLORAN IN TOKYO REPORTS IT INCREASINGLY CLEAR NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA RAPIDLY MOVING TOWARD ACCEPTANCE OF DIVISION OF THE PENINSULA. YESTERDAY NK HARSHLY DENOUNCED ROK PROPOSAL THAT BOTH ENTER

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UN AT SAME TIME, BUT CAREFULLY REFRAINED FROM RULING OUT POSSIBILITY. NK RESPONSE SEEN AS EVIDENCE OF DISCOMFORT AT BEING CAUGHT OFF GUARD, AND HASTY ATTEMPT TO BLOCK ROK TACTICAL MOVE WITH HARSH WORDS. WHILE FUTURE OF KOREAN QUESTION IN UN UNCERTAIN, HOPE FOR PROGRESS TOWARDS UNITY SEEM TO BE FADING FAST.

11. POST'S OBERDORFER REPORTS TANAKA WILL ISSUE OFFICIAL INVITATION TO PRES. NIXON TO VISIT JAPAN, THOUGH VISIT UNLIKELY THIS YEAR. NOT KNOWN TO WHAT EXTENT TANAKA'S STATEMENT REPRESENTS REAL DETERMINATION TO MAKE PRESIDENTIAL JOURNEY A REALITY. BOTH GOVERNMENTS HAD HOPED THAT EMPEROR WOULD VISIT US THIS FALL TO PAVE WAY. LACK OF PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO MAJOR ALLY IS EMBARRASSING, BUT DANGER OF MAJOR COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST DEMONSTRATIONS REMAINS PROBLEM.

12. NEW AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA, WHO SERVED IN WASHINGTON AS COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY IN 1957-61, SUBJECT OF OBERDORFER PROFILE WHICH MENTIONS HIS TEMPORARY FALL FROM GRACE LAST YEAR. IN POST- NOMINATION INTERVIEW YASUKAWA SUGGESTED TIME RIGHT FOR " MORE BUSINESSLIKE ATTITUDE" AND LESS SENTIMENT IN RELATIONS WITH US. YASUKAWA SEES NO OUTSTANDING URGENT PROBLEM BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES NOW THAT TRADE IMBALANCE IS DECLINING.

(WP).

13. UPI GENEVA REPORTS JAPANESE NEGOTIATOR NISIBORI AT DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE QUESTIONED VALUE OF US- SOVIET ACCORD ON PREVENTING NUCLEAR WAR AS LONG AS BOTH CONTINUE UNDERGROUND TESTING AND FRANCE AND CHINA CONTINUE ATMOSPHERIC TESTING. HE SAID THERE HAS BEEN NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON GENUINE NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT (WP).

14. JOC' S CULLISON REPORTS JAPAN' S BASIC MARITIME POLICIES SHORTLY TO UNDERGO MAJOR REVISION BY SHIPPING AND SHIPBUILDING RATIONALIZATION COUNCIL AS RESULT OF CRITICAL LOSS OF JAPANESE COMPETITIVE POWER ON WORLD' S MERCHANT MARINE ROUTE DUE TO RISING COSTS
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AND DOLLAR DEVALUATIONS.

15. FOUR CHEMICAL COMPANIES ACCUSED BY FISHERMEN OF CONTAMINATING SEA WITH MERCURY PLEDGE TO SUSPEND OPERATION TILL COMPENSATION DEMANDS SETTLED (AP, TOKYO; WP, NYT).

16. S- N' S ROBERT BUDHANAN REPORTS 18 REPS OF JAPANESE

INDUSTRY AND JAPAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WIND UP 10 DAY VISIT TO STUDY US FRANCHISING PRACTICES. DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN- BASED FRANCHISES WILL, THEY HOPE, HELP QUIET WORKER JOB DISSATISFACTION.

17. SUN' S PEPPER REPORTS THAT AFTER 25 YEARS OF LEGALIZED ABORTION, JAPAN IS CONSIDERING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD APPARENTLY MAKE IT HARDER FOR WOMEN TO HAVE SUCH OPERATIONS. BILL OPPOSED BY SCHOLARS, FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION, AND WOMEN' S LIB GROUPS; SUPPORTED BY SOME SEGMENTS OF MEDICAL PROFESSION, ROMAN CATHOLICS, AND " HOUSE OF GROWTH" RELIGIOUS GROUP.

18. WHITLAM URGES MAJOR AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES TO IMPOSE VOLUNTARY PRICE FREEZE TILL AUG. 1 WHEN PRICE CONTROL TRIBUNAL WILL BEGIN EXAMINING PROPOSALS FOR INCREASES. HE SHARPLY CRITICIZED GM- HOLDEN FOR DECISION

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